

ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Meeting of Tuesday, 07 October 2008
Mansfield Community Center (MCC) Conference Room

MINUTES

1. The meeting was **called to order** at 7:06p by Acting Chair Joan Prugh. *Members present:* Jay Ames, Leon Bailey, Kim Bova, Scott Lehmann, Joan Prugh, Blanche Serban. *Members absent:* Anita Bacon. *Others present:* Jay O'Keefe (staff).

2. The draft **minutes** of the 02 September 08 meeting were approved as written.

3. **Correspondence.** Maria Capriola has suggested that Tom Bruhn from the Benton Museum might be enticed to join the Arts Advisory Committee (AAC); he has been invited to attend a meeting.

4. **Coffee house readings.** Joan has learned of a poetry group in Willimantic and will attempt to contact those in charge about giving a poetry reading at the MCC. According to Kim, Susanne Davis is writing a book and would be interested in reading from it, if it is accepted for publication. Leon reported that Wally Lamb has just published a new book and will probably be away on promotional tours for the foreseeable future. Jay A. suggested contacting Curbstone Press in Willimantic for names of local authors who might be interested.

5. **Art Show.** As nobody on the AAC is willing organize such an event, it will be removed from future agendas.

6. **MCC art displays.**

a. Jay O'K reported receiving a number of favorable comments on the prize-winning works from the **Festival on the Green's** juried art show now exhibited in the MCC's display cases. Thanks to Kim for making the arrangements! The show will come down on 14 October 08.

b. MCC exhibit application forms are now **online**, according to Jay O'K.

c. Joan noted the birth of an **on-line newspaper** devoted to Mansfield; she will see if its publishers can be interested in posting information about current MCC art exhibits and artists.

d. Kim has spoken with **Taylor Lee Anderson** and encouraged him to propose a selection of his numerous photos for display at the MCC, perhaps for the winter quarter. He needs to bring a definite proposal to the AAC, preferably for consideration at the November meeting.

e. **Martin Bloom** has submitted photos of everything he proposes to display (and an installation plan) for the fall quarter. The AAC approved this exhibit, which will occupy the cases and lower hanging areas. Mr. Bloom will need to take it down a little early, as he has another show opening elsewhere on 07 January 09.

f. Blanche reported that Mr. Bloom was surprised to learn than works exhibited at the MCC were not insured against damage or theft. The AAC asked Jay O'K to investigate the cost of providing a modest amount of **insurance coverage for displays**.

g. Nancy Conlon plans to attend the AAC's November meeting to review her proposal to exhibit decorated boxes, frames, etc. This is a possibility for the display cases in the winter quarter.

h. Jay O'K reported that a **Battle of the Bands** at the MCC is being negotiated with people at E. O. Smith. It's fine with the AAC if the Teen Center makes these arrangements.

i. Blanche has not yet sent a notice about display opportunities to Peggy Church for forwarding to **Open Studio artists**, but she will do so soon.

j. Kim knows some fabric artists who might be interested exhibiting in the display cases, though she observed that these cases are now getting direct sun. The AAC asked Jay O'K to investigate options for protecting art exhibited in the cases from **harmful UV radiation**.

Exhibit Period	Entry cases		Sitting room		Hallway	
	Double-sided	Shelves	Upper (5)	Lower (3)	Long (5)	Short (2)
Fall 15 Oct – 15 Jan	Martin Bloom (collage)			Martin Bloom (collage)		
Winter 15 Jan – 15 Apr	Nancy Conlon? (decorated boxes, frames, etc.)			Taylor Anderson? (photos)		

7. Adjourned at 7:45p. Next meeting: Tuesday, 04 November 08, 7:00p.

Scott Lehmann, Acting Secretary, 08 October 08; approved 02 December 08.